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REMARKSPresent Status of the Application

Applicants appreciate that claims 12-16 have been allowed.

Applicants have amended title of invention and claim 12.

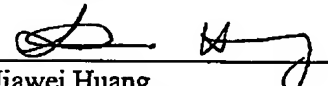
According to the statements "a surface of the rubbing cloth has a plurality of first pile fibers" at line 7 in claim 12 and "a surface of the conditioning cloth has a plurality of second pile fiber" at line 10 in claim 12, it is clearly that the second pile fibers are for the conditioning cloth, rather than for the rubbing cloth, and the first pile fibers are for the rubbing cloth. Therefore, Applicants have amended claim 12, in which "so that the second pile fibers of the conditioning clothare in contact with the *second* pile fibers of the rubbing cloth" is amended to "so that the second pile fibers of the conditioning clothare in contact with the first pile fibers of the rubbing cloth". It is believed that this amendment does not change the consideration of patentability and should be acceptable.

For the foregoing reasons, entry of the amendment is requested.

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